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Physically Challenged Fishing Pond Dedication

You are invited to attend the dedication ceremony for the Kalbaugh Pond project, in the Robert W. Craig Campground, at Jennings Randolph Lake, on 25 August 2010 at 1:30 P.M. Ms. Marie Burns, our Baltimore District Operations Manager, and other District representatives will be attending. Light refreshments will be served following the dedication.

The Kalbaugh Pond is a partnership project between the Corps of Engineers and a local construction contractor. The pond was located in an overgrown, abandoned area that was cleared out by a Boy Scout volunteer to earn his Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Badge. Once cleared, a partnership was organized between the Corps of Engineers and a local contractor to convert the pond site into a physically challenged, accessible fishing area.

The pond facilities are all ADA compliant. The paved handicap parking lot is sized to allow parking of two side loading wheelchair lift vehicles simultaneously. The parking lot, paved pathway, and paved pond shoreline are all bordered with pressure treated timbers. The fishing pier is also ADA compliant.

The pond was evaluated by a WV Fisheries Biologist who determined that it was an excellent environment for fishing and agreed to initially stock the pond and assist in maintaining a viable fish population. The Corps of Engineers then supplied the materials by means of the Challenged Partnership Program, and the contractor supplied the heavy equipment and an equipment operator to complete the work.

The Kalbaugh Pond is now open to all physically challenged, WV licensed individuals, interested in fishing and all children 14 years old and younger.